

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SHARING INFORMATION  
USING A HANDHELD DEVICE**

Abstract

5           A method and apparatus for sending information to a  
data processing apparatus for identifying a document to  
share with a recipient. A handheld device is capable of  
communicating with the data processing apparatus.  
Information is captured from the document and stored in the  
10 handheld device as document data. A communications path is  
established between the handheld device and the data  
processing apparatus. The document data is sent to the  
data processing apparatus through the communications path.  
Reference documents are provided. Each reference document  
15 has reference data stored in a memory. At least a portion  
of the received document data is extracted as scanning  
data. The reference data is retrieved from the memory.  
The scanning data is compared with the reference data.  
When the scanning data matches at least a portion of the  
20 reference data of one of the reference documents, the one  
reference document is selected as the identified document  
for forwarding to the recipient.